

City of Milpitas
Approved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
April 17, 2006

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commissioner Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Albert Alcorn N. Gupta, R. Shaw, D. Gupta, I Munir, V. Mathur

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion

Members Absent: P. Peterson, W. Lam, S. Bilgrami, S. Bansal, A. Ettinger

City Council: A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S V. Mathur / D. Gupta Ayes: 6

V. Approval of the Minutes
March 20, 2006

Motion to approve the minutes as amended.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 6

VI. Citizen's Forum

No comments were made for the record from the public.

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. WiFi Policy Document Creation.

The commission discussed creating a policy document addressing the needs and requirements of wireless access providers. Staff offered to draft a policy document outlining the parameters of establishing a wireless access network in the Milpitas community.

Staff noted that the wireless access policy document would be presented in conjunction with the commissions policy recommendations for a public access and government access policy documents before the city council's annual report later this year. A progress report will be given at the commission's next meeting in May.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 6

2. PEG Studio Update Report.

Mr. Marion updated the commission on the planning work to the city hall public access studio. Staff reported that a design building status is now in place for the construction of the community access studio. City engineering staff and fire inspection staff has reviewed the construction work and plans are currently under review. A final open bid for with construction work will be made for the project work as part of the project work.

Staff presented a draft web page layout for the Milpitas community access studio. The website will feature contact information as well as training for use of the equipment. The web address www.milpitastv.org will need to be activated before additional development is made.

Commissioners Dinesh Gupta requested that planning work is still needed to address the policy and operations documents for the community access studio. He requested the commissioners to volunteer their time in the working group to aid in the development in the policy document.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S D. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 6

3. March 2006 I.S. Month Report.

Bill Marion, Director of Information Services, reiterated the work being done to complete the working agreements with Earthlink and MetroFI.

Staff reported the addition of extra communications conduit to aid in the relocation of the building engineering staff to 82 North Main Street. This staff will be actively working with construction crews at the new city library construction site located at the corner of Weller and Main Street.

Improvements have been made to the Information Services Department server room with an upgrade to a fiber conduit connection provided by AT&T. The fiber improvement will allow for faster connection speed for the city's data communications network.

Staff reported that the City of Milpitas would be hosting a technology rollout event on April 28, 2006, involving Joint Ventures Silicon Valley and Intel computers as it introduces wireless internet coverage for Santa Clara county and the region. The event will be held at Milpitas city hall in the city council chambers.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S V. Mathur / D. Gupta Ayes: 6

4. Round Table Discussion

Commissioner Shaw asked of the recently television advertisements urging consumers contact members of Congress regarding the Internet Protocol Television and its support efforts to expand the technology to the public. Staff noted that there are discussions being held by members of a congressional subcommittee and is currently reviewing the options being recommended by the FCC. Staff also reported that both the telecommunications and cable industry lobbyist are aggressively challenging the recommendations brought by the FCC.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

The Commission adjourned the meeting to Monday, May 15, 2006.

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